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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Manufacturing and Services Division, ORR

ATTENTION : [REDACTED]

THROUGH : Chief, Requirements Branch, Reconnaissance Group, CGS

FROM : Chief, CIA/PID (NPIC)

SUBJECT : Nan-Ching (Nan-King) Arsenal Complex, Nan King, China

REFERENCES : (1) ORR Requirement No. C-RR3-80,522/63 (Revision)
(2) CIA/PID Project No. C 1421-63

1. This memorandum is in response to the above referenced requirement calling for an analysis of the arsenals at Nan-king, including current level of production and expansion since 1960.

2. Analysis of the only suitable photo coverage [REDACTED] of Nan-king revealed that there is only one plant and one branch of that plant which can be identified as arsenals.

The main plant, Nan-ching Arsenal, Factory #60 (see enclosure CIA/PID/IB-P-715/63) is located approximately 500 yards southeast of the south gate of the city. Within the confines of the plant there are facilities which appear to be capable of manufacturing ballistic weapons up to and including artillery. These facilities are: Two forge and foundries, twelve machine shops, eight assembly buildings, three probable ammunition storage buildings, possible shell casing manufacturing building, possible ammunition loading area, possible propellant loading building, numerous warehouses and miscellaneous support buildings, two possible research laboratory buildings, a steam plant, a firing range, and three administration buildings.

This factory appears to be very active as evidenced by personnel seen on almost every road in the plant area, trucks on the plant service roads and in the motor pool parking area, and a possible artillery piece (122mm howitzer) in an open storage area. The plant is rail served.

Expansion could not be determined due to lack of comparative photographic coverage since 1960.

3. Probable small arms plant, (see enclosure CIA/PID/IB-P-724/63) probably a branch of the arsenal described above, is located approximately 700 yards west

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of the main Nan-ching Arsenal. Its facilities include a forge and foundry/machine shop, twelve machine shops, three assembly buildings, a woodworking shop area with a wood kiln, and approximately thirty-five warehouses and miscellaneous buildings. This branch is linked to the main plant by an all-weather highway.

The level of activity appears to high, judging from the truck traffic and personnel on the service roads.

4. The photo analyst on the project was [] who can be contacted on extension [] should any question arise concerning this requirement. This requirement is considered complete.

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Enclosures:

2 Annotated Photo Enlargements
(CIA/PID/IB-P-715/63 and P-724/63)

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